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TORY SALUTE: Opposition leader Vuk Draskovic salutes supporters of the "Together" coalition during an anti-government rally Wednesday in Nis, Serbia's second largest city. President Slobodan Milosevic conceded that an opposition coalition won municipal elections there.

Berbs acknowledge city's election defeat

Associated Press

BERGRADE, Yugoslavia — In a concession to pro-democracy demonstrators, the Serbian government yesterday acknowledged that the opposition won local elections in the second-largest city of Nis.

The decision was announced in a Ministry statement read on television.

In the run-off of Nov. 17 opposition elections in Nis, Belgrade and 12 other municipalities sparked the protests that went into their third day yesterday.

On Tuesday, a court in the small town of Lapovo ruled in favor of the opposition, giving it control of the town council.

Lapovo, a former industrial powerhouse and bastion of support for President Slobodan Milosevic, has fallen on hard times

since he bankrolled wars in Croatia and Bosnia — and got hit with economic sanctions in return.

Control of Nis would enable the opposition to dent the president's strong grip on media outside Belgrade by starting a television station and other independent media there that could reach out through southern Serbia.

International fact-finders last month confirmed several opposition victories, including Belgrade. But Milosevic so far has refused to concede opposition victory in the capital.

Before the announcement, riot police blocked traffic in downtown Belgrade, preventing opposition supporters from driving their cars for another protest against Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

With riot police preventing them from marching for two weeks, oppo-

sition leaders had called on supporters to converge on the capital in their cars to create another traffic gridlock like the one they caused Sunday.

But they were foiled by tens of thousands of heavily-armed riot police who, instead of trying to keep traffic flowing like they normally do, formed cordons blocking all cars from entering or leaving downtown Belgrade.

"It's unbelievable," said opposition leader Vuk Draskovic as he sat in his car amid hundreds of other horn-blowing drivers. "They should be regulating traffic and not preventing it."

The standoff caused a huge traffic jam downtown, with drivers leaving their cars and booing and jeering at police.

On Sunday, the protesters had created a huge gridlock by driving

downtown slowly to mock the official reason for the ban and faking car problems.

They then went ahead with their march on foot.

Meanwhile, the neo-communist party of Mirjana Markovic, Milosevic's wife, issued a statement today accusing the opposition of "wanting to topple the legally-elected Serbian leadership" and called on authorities to act against the "enemies of the state," who "are financed from abroad."

"Terrorism, violence, anarchy and jeopardizing normal life in the cities is not the road for democracy," said the statement, carried by the state Tanjug news agency.

Students and leaders of the political opposition have been marching daily since Milosevic-controlled courts annulled local election victories won by the opposition.

Y colors turn navy and gold

By BRANDON J. WIGHT
Universe Sports Writer

BYU athletes will soon sport a new look as the Athletic Department has decided to change the color on all uniforms.

Royal blue will no longer be the official color of BYU sports. For some time, the Athletic Department had been debating whether to change the color. The decision was made during fall semester to adjust the colors.

"It's not really a color change," said Rondo Fehlberg, BYU athletic director. "It is only darkening the blue to what they call a Prussian blue, adding a star dust gold, and keeping the traditional white."

The Athletic Department said that the "BYU blue" has changed to various shades of blue over the years. In fact, the Athletic Department researched, and discovered that BYU

colors were traditionally navy blue and white, Fehlberg said.

"When I was an athlete here in the late 1960's our uniforms were navy blue," Fehlberg said. "We sort of standardized with the royal blue just in the last couple of decades."

Fehlberg explained that back in the 1960's when BYU quit sewing its own uniforms and went to an apparel manufacturer, the maker made only two blues, royal and navy blue. Because Utah State had the navy blue, BYU adopted the royal blue as its color.

"We now are at the point where we have more flexibility, so we decided to go back to more of a true BYU blue," Fehlberg said. The Athletic Department also stated the new blue is the darkest blue BYU sports has seen since 1962.

Both the swimming and wrestling teams have already changed their uni-

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Freeway construction nuisance but needed

By JERRY GOWEN
Senior Reporter
and SETH WHEELER

A 16-mile stretch of Interstate 15 near Salt Lake City will undergo a face lift this spring, according to the Utah Transportation Department. Although some BYU students are skeptical, officials say the project is long overdue, and will not entirely hinder commuters if other alternatives are considered.

"A lot of people are expecting a lot of discomfort in their lives through this project," said John Leonard, I-15 operations manager. "There are a lot of ways for people to change their schedules and lifestyles that can reduce the number of people on the road. Those on the highway will be able to get where they need to go."

Leonard said a 16-mile corridor of



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Muslim women and tradition

By CANDACE PERRY
Universe Staff Writer

Muslim women are physicians, professors, engineers and mothers. Many prefer a working career, while many others would rather stay at home.

"Islam is very diverse and women within Islam are not all the same in how they interpret religion," said Chad Emmett, BYU professor of geography, who has lived in Indonesia and the Middle East. "In Syria, as well as Indonesia, you have women who are very Western and others that are veiled. You can't lump all Muslims together, just like you can't lump all Mormon women together."

"Most people's impression of Islam comes from the film 'Not Without My Daughter,' and yet they fail to realize that it is also Muslim men and women that helped the woman escape from Iran," Emmett said.

"Even in Iran, you have people who interpret Islam differently. Some are very respectful of women and others are more authoritative in their views of a woman's role in society," Emmett said.

Often people envision the traditional robe and veil as a sign of oppression for Muslim women, but many Muslim women who don't wear the veil are preparing to take that step.

Abeer Barakat, a freshman from Jerusalem majoring in interior design, said, "I believe that it is right (to wear a veil), and that is what we are supposed to be doing. But I don't think I'm ready yet. When you wear the veil, there are a lot of things you have to go by; a lot of things you have to give up."

"We were always taught the right things to do. The people who wear it get a strong belief. They get to a point where they totally believe that it is right. Most of the women who do wear the veil believe they are doing it for God, and they don't care about anything else," Barakat said.

Shaden Hussein, a sophomore from Palestine majoring in social work, said, "I have been wearing the veil since I was 13 years old. It was my own decision. No one forced me, and I'm really happy with the decision and very comfortable with it too."

"It's a command from God for a woman to be covered, and I believe completely that God created us, so he knows what's best for us," Hussein said. "Basically, I am the same person whether I wear shorts or if I'm covered, and if people are going to treat me better for wearing less, then these are not the type of people I want to know. That is one of the main reasons I wear it," Hussein said.

"It becomes very difficult to sum up



Photo courtesy of Chad Emmett

PEACE: A group of Muslim nursing students demonstrate the many faces of Islam. Muslim women are encouraged to pursue an education

while maintaining traditional standards. Today, it is common to find women wearing veils while attending college.

any woman's life by stereotypes," said Donna Lee Bowen, associate professor of political science and Near Eastern studies. "You've got women on BYU's campus that are Muslim that drive cars, are working on degrees in engineering and don't wear veils — others do."

"One thing Muslim women have in common is they value their families

and their husbands. They care about marrying good men, raising their children well and becoming assets to their family. Beyond that, they have different ideas. Some may want to be members of Parliament, others may want to stay in the home," Bowen said.

Knowledge, which is the basis of all progress and advancement, is compulsory for all Muslim men and women.

"Our Prophet Mohammed told us to get as much education as we can," Hussein said. "It's very important for Muslim women to be educated. I think that's what I notice back home. The family cares about educating their daughters more than their sons."

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locals say
it's difficult
to get into

KRISTI BROWN
Universe Staff Writer
and the Associated Press

PROVO — A majority of Utah residents believe it's too difficult for resident students to get accepted to BYU, according to a newspaper poll.

The survey, detailed in a copy of the Deseret News story on Monday, indicates that 38 percent of residents strongly believe it is too difficult to get into the privately owned university.

Utahns aren't the only ones who feel they are being discriminated against in university admissions, said Erlend Peterson, dean of admissions. People throughout the state feel that Utahns have the advantage.

The truth is, Peterson said, the acceptance of incoming freshmen at Utah hasn't changed much in the last two decades. In 1976 the acceptance of incoming freshmen at Utah made up 25.8 percent of the total newly admitted freshmen, and in 1996 that number was 24.7 percent.

The real crunch that many feel is not coming from the number of applicants, but comes from a major

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Explosions continue to kill in Algiers

ALGIERS, Algeria — An explosion rocked downtown Algiers Wednesday, a day after a car bomb killed at least 13 people and wounded 100 others.

It was not immediately clear whether there were any injuries in the 4:30 p.m. blast at the Salembier quarter of the Algerian capital. Ambulances converged on the site.

Attacks on civilians are increasing in the North African nation, bloodied by an Islamic insurgency that began five years ago this month.

Tuesday's car bomb struck a bustling shopping district in downtown Algiers, blowing out shop windows and wounding passengers in a passing bus.

Algeria's insurgency began when the army-backed government canceled legislative elections that candidates of the opposition Islamic Salvation Front were poised to win. More than 60,000 people have been killed.

Gigantic flag stolen from Ream's

PROVO — The gigantic American flag that flew at Ream's grocery store extends 30 by 50 feet and hung from a 170-foot pole. But the size didn't stop someone from nabbing it.

"It just makes us so upset because we are just trying to do something for the community more than anything else," said store owner Paul J. Ream.

The flag was stolen sometime between Dec. 27 at 9:30 p.m. and Dec. 28 at 6:45 a.m., said Provo police Capt. George Pierpont.

The thieves cut the ropes on the 6-month-old flag, valued at \$3,000, and pulled it down from the pole, Pierpont said.

Ream said he may have to pay for a replacement flag himself. "We will have a flag flying just as soon as I can get my man to climb the pole," he said.

The stolen flag was hung by Ream's grandfather, also named Paul Ream, who founded the store. It was raised in honor of Ream's great-grandfather and dedicated to the city of Provo, Ream said.

Police suspect college students might be the culprits, but have made no arrests. Still, they are confident — given the flag's size — that it will eventually turn up.

Children dying in remote Zaire camps

GENEVA — Desperately undernourished children are dying daily in makeshift refugee camps in eastern Zaire, the United Nations children's agency said Wednesday.

The death toll is growing at a remote camp in Tingi Tingi near Lubutu, where 23 deaths were reported on Monday, UNICEF said. Twelve of the deaths were children under 5 who were in a hospital but failed to respond to emergency intravenous feeding, the agency said.

The death toll is likely to be even worse at two other camps that most international aid agencies have been unable to reach, said Peter McDermott, the agency's deputy director for emergencies.

Roads to remote areas are often inaccessible and there is only a small airstrip at Tingi Tingi, making big aid deliveries impossible.

Most of the children are succumbing to ailments that are usually treatable, such as diarrhea and malaria, but they are too weak to fight them, said Marie Huze, an agency spokeswoman.

Novelist's death turns fiction to fact

CHICAGO — Mystery writer Eugene Izzi, who was found hanged from his office window in a downtown high-rise a month ago, left an unpublished novel whose hero nearly dies the same way.

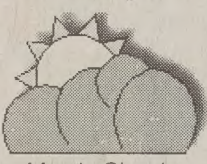
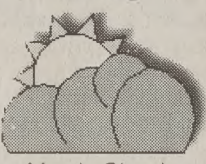
The Chicago Tribune, citing unidentified sources, reported Wednesday that computer discs discovered in Izzi's pockets Dec. 7 were found by the FBI to contain the manuscript.

Like Izzi, the novel's central character is a Chicago mystery writer with a 14th-floor office, the newspaper said. And like the fictional hero, Izzi was found hanging from a rope anchored to a metal desk in the office.


In both fact and fiction, the victim was wearing a bulletproof vest, carried a set of brass knuckles and a disabling chemical spray, and had a .38-caliber revolver in his office.



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Sources: BYU Geography Dept., National Weather Service



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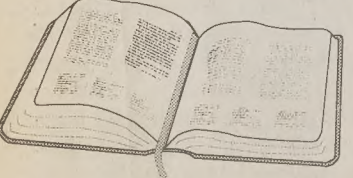


Scripture of the Day

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

— John 14:27

This is Debra Leach's favorite scripture because, "it's comforting to know that Heavenly Father loves me and will do everything he can for me." Debra is a sophomore from Sacramento, Calif., studying psychology.



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freeway from 10800 South to 600 North in Salt Lake City will be completely reconstructed due to excess use.

"Studies have examined what has needed to be done in that corridor since the 1980s. The freeway is worn out and is no longer able to serve the needs of the community. Thus we are completely constructing a new freeway on top of the existing highway," Leonard said.

"We will be able to perform major highway reconstruction of the entire freeway on top of the existing freeway while maintaining existing traffic," Leonard said.

According to Leonard, several engineers have been evaluating the reconstruction project and will submit proposals next week. An intense evaluation process will then result in a contract with the selected construction company sometime in March.

Actual work will begin on Apr. 14, and a project that would normally require 10 years to complete will be done in four and a half years due to a new system of design. The deadline for completion of the project is Oct.

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growth period in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, said Peterson. As of 1995, there were 86,000 18-year-old members of the LDS church, as opposed to 53,000 10 years ago.

The increased number of eligible applicants comes at a time when the ceiling for admissions to BYU remains at only 27,000.

The combination has driven up admissions criteria, leaving the median grade point average for incoming freshmen in Fall 1996 at 3.71 and the median ACT score at 27, as opposed to 3.35 and 23.7 a decade ago.

"So it doesn't matter what criteria we use, with the growing demand for places, the competition gets stiffer," he said.

The poll, conducted by Dan Jones & Associates, questioned 401 Utah County residents from Nov. 17 to Dec. 2. It has an error margin of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

"We admit about 5,600 freshmen a

15, 2001.

"This project will affect the commute for BYU students and others extensively," said Kent Hansen, I-15 public relations director. "I commute from North Ogden every day myself. We are anticipating that you should add about 30 percent to your commute times and that you should be looking for alternate routes."

Some BYU students who make the commute regularly are fearful of the extended time the trip will take.

"It's bad enough right now," said Tichelle Thorpe, a senior in broadcast communications who makes the commute to and from Salt Lake City sometimes twice a day. "The time it is going to waste in traffic will be a complete nightmare."

Hansen said students should pick the best routes themselves and try to be smart in their commute.

"If we were to indicate to take this route, everyone would, and that would create a problem. We are trying to announce many alternate opportunities and allow people to pick the best one for them," Hansen said.

Leonard said the selected contractor will be required to maintain two open lanes of traffic each way during peak hours. Peak hours will be from 6 a.m.

year. We're only denying about 1,000 each year — about 18 percent," Peterson said. "Yet we know from the ACT tests, many more than that number indicated BYU as a first preference. Last year, there were 16,000."

But is the admissions formula blind to other factors besides geography? According to Peterson, there is no quota for admitting minority students to BYU, although race now is added into the formula that calculates extra factors like applicants' service and leadership experience.

"In the past, it was totally blind until denial. Then if a minority was denied, an admissions counselor reviewed the file and took it to the committee for consideration," he said. "There is no discrimination between minorities."

Although not necessary now, there was a time when gender weighed heavily in BYU admissions.

"Prior to 1974, when Wilkinson was the president, he wanted to enroll 2,000 men and 2,000 women in the new freshman class. At that time more women were applying than men, and so it drove the credentials for being admitted up," Peterson said.

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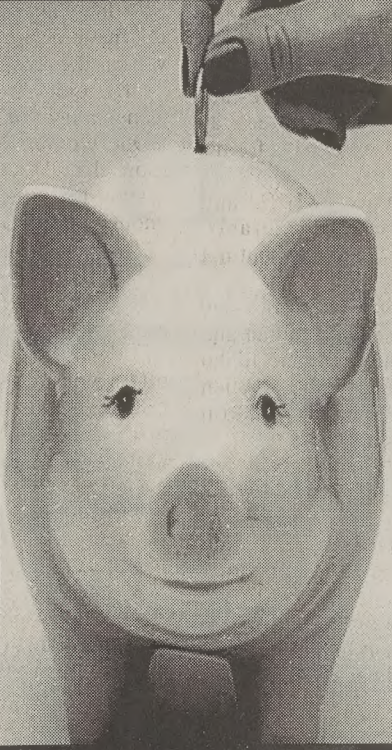
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to 10 p.m. on weekdays and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends.

"Carpooling, taking the bus and riding a bike are some of many effective life-style changes that can be made to help accommodate for this project," Leonard said. "As population continues to increase, we all need to make changes. We see this as an opportunity to encourage those lifestyle changes."

"The road was built in 1960 to last 20 years. Do the math," Hansen said.



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Tips must pay the rent

By JAMES M. SPEAR
Universe Staff Writer

Those who wait tables, tips are more than just gratuities; they are a major portion of their income. The minimum wage for restaurant serving is \$2.13 per hour. After taxes, a server makes even less. Many servers find it can be frustrating when their biggest pay (in a sense) is written by the people who leave a tip on their tables.

One problem, according to servers, is that throughout the valley, customers don't realize the hourly wage is so low.

Nagel, a full-time server in one of Provo's restaurants, doesn't even consider his weekly paycheck as earned. Nagel said that his hourly wage pays for his rent and that's just about all.

Blackington is a pre-dental major at BYU and works as a server at one of Provo's finer restaurants. Blackington is fairly happy with the tips he makes, but not pleased with the minimum wage.

In contrast, some states provide a higher minimum wage for restaurant servers. Danielle Martin, a single mother and waitress who has worked in Idaho and Washington. The Idaho minimum wage for serving is \$4.25, Martin said. When she was in Washington she earned \$5.30 per hour. Martin serves full-time in a popular restaurant in Orem.

After eight years of serving, she is very confident in her skills. But Martin believes the quality of service doesn't make a difference in Utah Valley.

"Some people are the worst tippers," Martin said. "I think the main problems is that people don't realize that they're only making \$2.13 an hour."

According to Martin, the hardest working and best servers still only average around 10 percent in tips.

Her problem is customers don't always realize what the tipping is for.

"Server job is stressful," Martin said. "At one time I had to serve eight tables — and I'm remembering everything about 20 people — not to mention the physical aspect. By 23 years old and after an eight hour day with no sleep, I come home and I feel like I'm 30."

Blackington and others stay in the restaurant business because

they like what they do.

Donna Ryan, also a mother, has been serving for six years and working at restaurants longer than that. She loves waiting on people. Ryan said every day is different. "It's always a challenge to see how much you're going to make today," Ryan said. "But it's a gamble."

Ryan loves to dine out. She appreciates when she gets good service.

Like every server, Ryan appreciates a good tip. With the work she does she feels like she is worth it. Unfortunately, tips don't always reflect any real appreciation. Ryan said that people forget that they are paying for your service as well as the food.

"If I bring someone a free glass of water, I still did the same amount of work," Ryan said.

One woman who refused to be named has served for more than 14 years. She is currently a hostess at a Provo restaurant. She doesn't feel that local customers show enough appreciation to a good server.

"It doesn't matter how good the service is," she said. "People still tip only 10 percent on average."

"These poor kids — some of them — their paychecks are \$40 for two weeks."

Phil Dance, a pre-med major from Pocatello, Idaho, offers a customer's perspective. Dance feels that an appropriate tip should range from 15 to 20 percent. He recognizes quality service. Dance was not aware that the minimum wage for serving was so low and was glad that he has been tipping the right amount all along.

Some customers take out their frustrations on the servers by not leaving an appropriate tip. Christina Richardson, a speech language pathology major from Seattle, agreed.

"We need to realize what's going on in the rest of the restaurant," Richardson said.

If the food isn't good or things are running behind in the kitchen, it isn't the server's fault, she said.

Rebecca Terry, a community health major from Los Angeles, summed things up with her thoughts from a server's perspective.

"People just need to be aware of what the standards for tipping are," Terry said. "If customers have an unpleasant experience with the food, they still need to tip 15 percent and then take up the problem with the manager."

Yeltsin back in hospital

Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin is returning to the Kremlin hospital two months after his heart bypass surgery because he has developed the first signs of pneumonia.

The president's press service said today that doctors decided after a routine evening examination to hospitalize the 65-year-old president for several days.

Yeltsin's doctors wanted to "confirm the diagnosis and administer proper treatment," the press service said.

The brief report gave no further details.

A duty officer for the press service

declined to say whether Yeltsin has already been transferred to the Central Clinical Hospital, also known as the Kremlin hospital, on the outskirts of Moscow.

In Washington, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the Clinton administration had not been informed Yeltsin was hospitalized, and only had received reports from Russia that he had the flu.

"We don't have anything beyond that officially communicated to us on his condition," McCurry said.

Yeltsin became ill with the flu Monday, only two weeks after returning to full-time work. He had been sidelined for six months by heart

problems, which included bypass surgery on Nov. 5.

He had canceled meetings for the rest of the week and gone to his country home outside Moscow.

Earlier today, the press service said he was spending most of his time in bed and receiving regular visits from his doctor.

Yeltsin's heart surgeon, Dr. Renat Akchurin, said earlier today the president has a common cold and his illness was unrelated to his surgery.

He said it was best for heart bypass patients to avoid any illness in the months immediately following surgery, but "the president's cold is hardly likely to cause complications."

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...ions would work, while education made sure women would have a decent job."

...me, it (education) is one of the main goals and life, whether you're staying here or going home. We need education not only to help you but in dealing with your husband and raising your children," Hussein said.

After finishing one year of college at home, Barakat found out that BYU from the Jerusalem office, where her father had a lot of friends, and transferred soon

...U is a nice place. You don't know your standard lines. You don't know what your standards are, how to behave and how you do things. Your standards are not going to be the same here or anywhere else," Hussein said.

...Qur'an describes all Muslim men as equal partners with men in all spheres of life. The most important function of the Muslim community is "enjoining good and forbidding evil," in which women play a side by side with men.

...feel that women in Islam are highly respected," Hussein said. "It's fair. We have so many women (Women) have the right to work but (women) don't have to earn any money for the house. The man has to provide them with food and health care and be really responsible for her, and she can go out and work and keep the money for herself. She is the one responsible to take care of her with everything."

...n asked what she would do after she finishes school, Hussein said. "I probably want to be a wife. Maybe work a part-time job that doesn't take me away from my family."

...Barakat plans to return back to her home and begin her career.

Rich Chinese culture featured in new class

By JERRY GOWEN
Senior Reporter

Drawing on the success of the recent Imperial Tombs of China exhibit, The Department of Continuing Education will offer "The Sacred Center in Asia: Chinese Temples, Tombs and Palaces," a new class that will begin today at 6 p.m. in the Museum of Art.

The two instructors will be David B. Honey, associate professor of Chinese, and Michael Lyon, illustration editor and researcher for the Foundation for Ancient Research and Mormon Studies.

The class will study traditional Chinese culture and religion, and a

part of the course will be the comparison of many aspects of China with other great cultures of the ancient world.

"We're going to be focusing on Chinese culture, but it will be seen in its context in Asia," said Lyon. "The traditional cultures of Asia have traditionally had a reference for the qualities that can be found in the temple. This is reflected in their architecture, literature and poetry, as well as all of the arts."

For information on registration, students can call Continuing Education at 378-2872. The course number is Chin 345, section 401, worth 3 credits. The class will meet every Thursday from 6 to 8:40 p.m.

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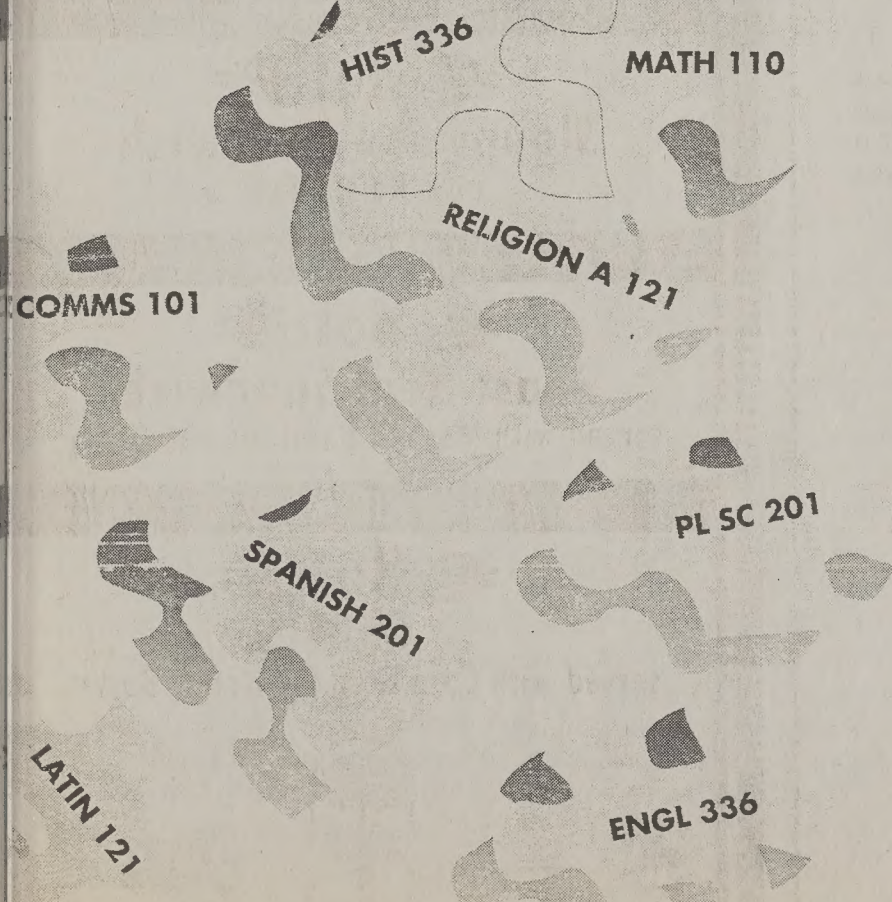
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OPINION

Apology is noteworthy

Barring major findings in the Newt Gingrich ethics investigation, it looks like Gingrich and Congress, and Gingrich and President Clinton are stuck together for the next two years.

By now, Gingrich has learned people are tired of his childish behavior. With a close 216-205 vote, Gingrich knows he does not have the support he had two years ago. One reason for his dwindling support is because his ego and abrasiveness made it difficult for colleagues to work with him. Too often Gingrich seemed to be more concerned with a personal agenda than the national agenda.

From Gingrich's comments on Tuesday, though, it appears he is ready to change his ways and work in a more cooperative way.

"Let me say to the entire House that two years ago, when I became the first Republican speaker in 40 years, to the degree I was too brash, too self-confident, or too pushy, I apologize," he said. "To whatever degree, in any way, that I brought controversy or inappropriate attention to the House, I apologize."

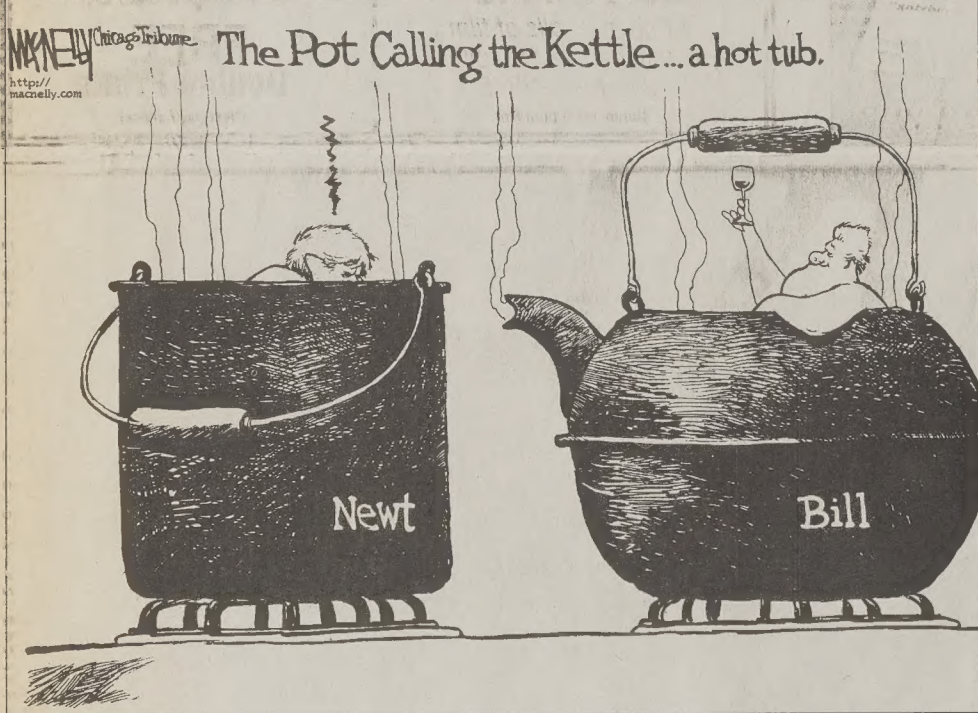
Gingrich added he was planning on working with each member of Congress to help things run more smoothly.

Whether or not Gingrich is sincere remains to be seen. We all know what a politician says and what a politician does are often two very different things. But even admitting that he has been difficult in the past is a major step for Gingrich — there are few politicians who will step up and admit they are wrong. Gingrich should be applauded for having the courage to say he was wrong, and even more importantly, Congress should accept that apology.

Obviously Gingrich's future as House speaker is still unclear — his ethics case still needs to be resolved. Democrats attempted to postpone his election until it is settled, but the House voted to allow Gingrich to take his position now. So for the time being, Gingrich is the Speaker of the House, and Republicans and Democrats alike must accept Gingrich's appointment.

Just because Gingrich said he will change does not mean his colleagues are going to like the man, but they can learn something from him. Admit when you're wrong, apologize, and let's move on.

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Viewpoint

Press unfairly attacks Newt

Looking for a new dirty word? Try "Newt." Tuesday, the "ethically-marred" Speaker of the House won his second term, thus becoming the first re-elected Republican speaker in over six decades.

But, as The Associated Press astutely reported, "Gingrich is a diminished presence from two years ago." He's back, but he's permanently scarred. Why? Because he's been a baad "unethical" boy.

And just what are the sinister charges brought against this man who stains the shimmering white banner of Washington politics? According to the Federal Elections Commission, the scandalous Newt violated tax laws in an effort to raise money to support a college course on politics he taught at a state college in Georgia.

These violations could have been avoided had Gingrich sought legal advice which would have informed him that he was improperly using tax-exempt organizations to further his political aims.

Upon recognition of his folly, Gingrich promptly confessed that "inaccurate, incomplete and unreliable statements were given to the ethics committee," and he sought to correct the matter. He made a mistake. How awful.

So why all the hub-bub? The fact is that the FEC, liberal Washington and several news outlets have been seeking an opportunity to hang Gingrich since he was first elected; and this sorry attempt to take a mere political miscalculation and embellish it into some devilish deed is nothing but evidence that they're desperate and running out of straws.

For instance, the AP story that ran front page in The Daily Universe Tuesday was replete with statements from both Republicans and Democrats sustaining this idea that Gingrich is "ethically damaged."

Yet nowhere in the story is the fact that 73 of the charges brought against Gingrich have

been dropped.

Another AP story released following Gingrich's acceptance speech quoted Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., as saying, "There's an ethical cloud hanging over this house that will only get darker in the days to come."

Yet the story mentions nothing of criticisms against Bonior, who could be called Joe McCarthy's protege.

Bonior has been nipping at Gingrich's heels since day one, and, as a Detroit News editorial stated, "his tactic is to keep throwing out charges regardless of the accuracy of his accusations."

Has everyone forgotten that Bonior was involved with the bogus lawsuit brought against Gingrich which a federal judge threw out, noting that the FEC wasn't able to muster even the slightest shred of evidence to sustain its charges?

Gingrich deserves the respect of Americans as a great politician who has done his best to serve his country. He's run a straight-forward Congress that has done what it said it would do.

In addition, there aren't any large scandals looming over the 104th Congress — no post-office problems. If he has done anything wrong, it was his overly-zealous approach to reform, for which he apologized in his acceptance speech.

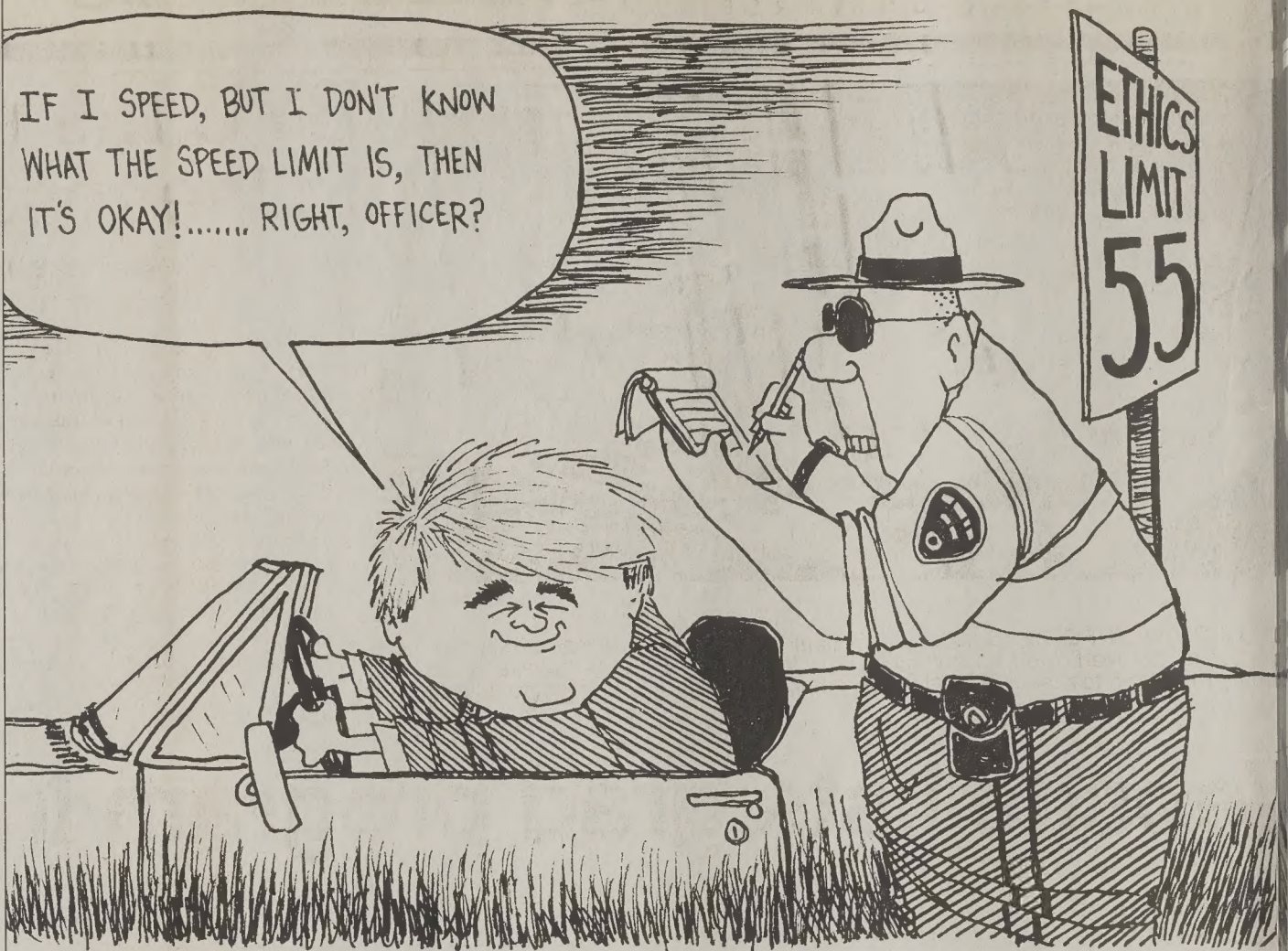
It's ironic that his abrasive style and trumped up ethical problems, even in light of all of his great achievements, have cast him in a less favorable light than our charming president who is nearly drowning in sex-scandal, Travelgate, Whitewater, Indonesian contributions, and allegations from his coke-snorting brother that he has a "nose like a Hoover."

Gingrich has said the mainstream press is a pack of liars with a liberal agenda when it comes to politics. After reviewing the facts of this particular case, I'm inclined to agree.

Richard Tripp II
The Daily Universe

NEWT ON THE ROAD

IF I SPEED, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SPEED LIMIT IS, THEN IT'S OKAY!..... RIGHT, OFFICER?



Views Around the World

Here are excerpts from editorials in newspapers in the United States:

Witness accountability

Jan. 7 — The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, on federal funding:

There's a good reason attempts by Congress to cut the federal budget the past two years have drawn shrieks and howls: More than half the witnesses testifying before House and Senate committees receive federal funds themselves.

An eye-opening analysis by the Heritage Foundation found that in 1995, 35 percent of those giving congressional testimony were federal employees. Of the rest, a third received government grants. These groups form the vanguard of the big-government lobby.

... Everyone is entitled to express views on issues. But members of Congress should know exactly who is trying to persuade them. Rep. John Doolittle, R-Calif., has proposed truth-in-testimony legislation that would require witnesses to say whether they receive federal grants or other sources of government funding.

This would be a small step in changing the way Washington works. Budget cutters still will have to weather assaults from big-government lobbyists, but at least they'll know who's throwing the punches.

Can't control euthanasia

Jan. 5 — Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle, on assisted suicide:
The U.S. Supreme Court (is taking up) the

weightiest moral issue since Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion: Is it acceptable for a physician to help a patient commit suicide? The answer, quite simply, is no.

... Opposition to euthanasia is inevitable for those who believe that only God is empowered to take away innocent life. But it is also shared by those who fear the social implications of moral flexibility.

They believe that when a taboo is declared acceptable behavior, it can soon afterward become normal, even desirable.

... But, most of all, opponents fear the proverbial slippery slope: the slide from terminally ill to chronically ill or merely old; from unendurable physical pain to mental anguish; from voluntary to involuntary euthanasia.

Anyone who doubts that this slide is possible should study the history of euthanasia in the Netherlands. Although it began with the same noble intentions less than 20 years ago, it is now practiced on patients who are not dying, are in no pain and do not give their consent.

... God forbid American doctors should ever get that power.

Investigative journalism

Jan. 6 — Fort Worth (Texas) Star-Texas on Food Lion-ABC controversy:

A North Carolina federal jury's recent verdict against ABC News for a story exposing alleged unsanitary food-handling practices at a national supermarket chain challenged certain techniques of undercover reporting but did not discredit the need for sound investigative journalism.

... Some media critics have suggested that

the case, in which the jury awarded a \$1,402 in financial damages, will cast an effect on undercover reporting. That may not be the case if the press follows ethical standards.

Air bag problems

Jan. 3 — The Greenville (S.C.) New South Times:

With the release of newly proposed regulations, federal traffic safety officials have acknowledged that air bag problems imposed on automakers more than a decade ago have since killed 32 children and 20 adults.

For this, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has tentatively approved new regulations for less than a year for air bag deployment mechanisms and sized auto dealers to disconnect air bags entirely for car buyers who request further regulations aimed at modifying motorist behaviors are pending.

It needs quick saying that air bags are effective lifesaving devices in head-on collisions. ...

That said, the underlying federal justification for mandated air bags — that they save many more lives than they take — is being challenged and invites congressional review of the policy. Even accepting federal estimates that air bags have saved 1,700 lives while taking only 52, the appropriateness of the mandate is questionable on its face.

Readers' Forum

Letters may be submitted at Daily Universe offices, 5th floor ELWC, sent by e-mail (letters@du2.byu.edu) or faxed to 378-2959.

Athletes' table discriminates

Kenneth Eliason
San Jose, Calif.

I feel that achievement is sometimes rewarded unfairly. An example that I see is the training table for athletes. It seems to me that many of the athletes who excel at sports are given special privileges that other high achievers at this school are not given.

The question I have is what is being emphasized?

What is being encouraged, emphasized and supported is money. I do not believe that the students who are brilliant at chemistry or mathematics are not given equal treatment as our athletes.

An example of this is the training table. Being a freshman, dining at the Cannon Center is an experience to remember, but what frustrates me sometimes is seeing signs up that say, "Training Table Only." Is such division necessary?

It seems just a little discriminatory to me. I have nothing against our athletes; they do a great job. I would merely like to see better and more equal treatment for all. Is it really needful for such separation as there is at the training table. Lastly, if the coaches do not trust the players to eat the food from the Cannon Center, then what am I eating?

Construction solution

Jim Melton
Riverton

After long hours of pondering, I have finally come up with a way to solve the problem of getting around the construction pit in the middle of campus — a zip line! Not only would a zip line provide a safe, efficient way across campus — it is also fun, and will allow students to mingle with friendly campus construction workers. A wave, a smile, or a passing handshake, if it doesn't cause the severing of a limb, can go a long way.

P.S. The ROTC constructs a zip line near the Clyde Engineering Building every spring, so they would be the ones to consult.

Mutual respect needed

Melissa Anderson
Justin Holm
Becky Swails
Jennie Thomas
BYU students

Since construction on campus has started we feel that smoking among the construction workers has become a problem. Many students find it unpleasant to walk from class to class and have to smell cigarette smoke.

Our concern is not only the smell of the smoke, but also the way it looks to visitors of our campus. BYU has a reputation of excellence that includes abstaining from these physical additions. When visitors see this action from the workers it reflects poorly on our campus and our reputation.

Faculty, staff, and students are required to sign the Honor Code stating that they will not

smoke on or off campus. However, the Honor Code does not apply to construction workers.

If we ask the construction workers to stop smoking, then we should also ask them to abide by the entire Honor Code; which would include requiring them to shave their heads, remove their earrings, abstain from pornography, etc. Obviously, this is not a viable solution to the problem.

Although we would prefer that they not smoke on campus, it is not our place to tell them to leave when they do. We feel the best solution to the problem is respect for their personal choice, then the respect we by doing their best not to trespass near fences, sidewalks, in between classrooms, in the buildings that are under construction.

Editor's note — BYU extends special allowances to guests and others who are not affiliated with BYU. Allowing people to smoke on campus in designated areas is one of those courtesies.

For example, when functions are held at the Marriott Center, guests are allowed to smoke outside.

Jacobsen Construction has control over the library construction site, where workers are allowed to smoke, and BYU employees and students are not allowed into those areas without permission.

Reader's Forum Guidelines

The Daily Universe invites students, professors and BYU staff to submit letters to the editor. Anonymous letters will not be printed. All letters must be typed, double-spaced, and are not to exceed one page.

Name, social security number, and home town must accompany all letters. All letters are subject to editing for length and clarity.

Letters must be submitted in person at The Daily Universe offices on the fifth floor of the ELWC, sent by e-mail (letters@du2.byu.edu) or faxed to 378-2959.



Photo courtesy of BYU Public Affairs

OD, GLORIOUS FOOD: Bins at five campus locations overflowed as the BYU community mobilized to rescue a local food

bank during the Christmas break. People at United Way couldn't believe BYU was able to gather so much food so quickly.

BYU rushes to the rescue

By JOANNA KASPER
Universe Staff Writer

When most people were busy buying Christmas gifts, the BYU community pulled together to help rescue a local food bank nearing starvation.

"I received a call late in the afternoon on Dec. 17 from United Way that said there was an emergency because the food bank was almost depleted. They had two days worth of food left," said Amelia Matthews, the campus coordinator for United Way.

Matthews feared the drive would fail because most university students were already headed home for the holidays. However, with the help of several university services, the drive was under way less than 24 hours after the phone call.

While campus scheduling provided five locations for

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Buddhist feels kinship but little kindness at Y

By TOVE I.S. GERHARDSEN
Universe Staff Writer

Thupten Bajracharya, a Buddhist senior from Tibet majoring in international relations, is grateful for what he has learned by coming to BYU. But he is also painfully aware of how hard it is to be left out.

"It is hard to get into activities because everything is connected with religion," Bajracharya said.

Bajracharya thinks non-LDS students should be more welcomed at BYU.

"LDS students should make the non-members more involved. Usually they stay away from everything," he said.

If BYU students took opportunities to learn about other religions, it would help them prepare for missions, and it would ultimately benefit the whole church, he said.

Even though his BYU classmates were not very interested in his religion, Bajracharya thinks one can gain valuable information and learn from other religions.

"I have learned about Mormonism by being in contact with people and by observing the way they act. I feel the 'collective charity' is very good among Mormons, but individually they do not do as extensive charity work," he said.

Bajracharya always welcomes the

missionaries. "I talk to them and then I tell them about my belief. I try to find similarities," he said.

The only things Bajracharya had heard about Mormons before coming to BYU was that they were not Christians, they had horns and many wives.

"The last thing was actually not a problem because we have both polygamy and monogamy in my culture," Bajracharya said.

"The value system is very close to the value system in my culture," Bajracharya said.

The Word of Wisdom is similar to the teachings of Buddha, and Buddhists are also taught to love people. Bajracharya especially appreciates certain practices in Mormonism.

One of the differences between Buddhism and Mormonism, however, is that Buddhists are taught to pay more attention toward other people, not God, Bajracharya said.

"Buddhism is not organized like other faiths. Every day is a holy day, and everyone has an altar in their house. We also have pilgrimages on special days to the six remaining of the once 10,000 Buddhist temples in Tibet," he said.

The overall BYU experience has been a positive one for Bajracharya. Because of the example he has seen from the LDS people, he has become a stronger Buddhist, he said.

Website lists grad program info

By BRIAN BLAIR
Universe Staff Writer

If you are preparing to graduate and are about how to acquire information on graduate schools, there is a web site that can help.

Gradschools.com is a website that has a one-stop source for post-baccalaureate degree program information. Potential graduate students search from more than 100 curriculum categories ranging from accounting to Zoology. Each category contains listings of institutions around the world offering programs in that field.

Gradschools.com is a user friendly, comprehensive source of information for service is easy to find, simple to use, always open and always free," Mark Shay, president of Liberty Promotions, a marketing firm in Aston, Penn.

Shay said the site will be continuously changed and updated to allow for new graduate programs and other information that may be useful to students pursuing post graduate possibilities.

"We are currently working on expanding our curriculum list and further defining the curriculum available on the site, especially in some of the biomedical fields."

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from around the world. Some listings offer detailed information on graduate programs, others do not. However, each listing contains contact information, including e-mail and fax numbers when available.

"There is enough on there for somebody to go and make an intelligent decision about where they are going to go to school," Shay said.

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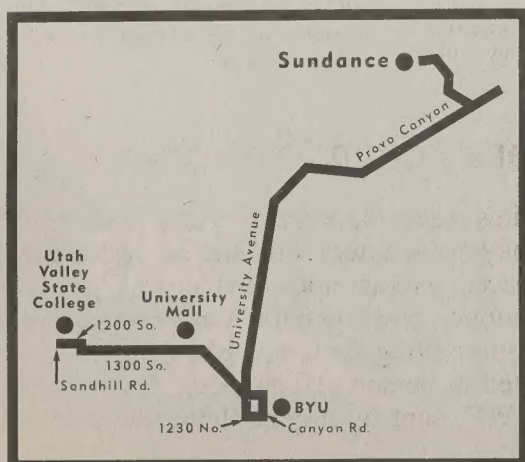
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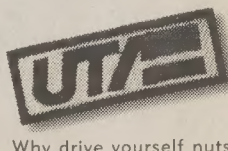
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497 faculty to retire over next decade

By CLINT MCKINLAY
Universe Staff Writer

With all of the current construction projects on campus, it might seem unnecessary for BYU to change much more. But with the largest faculty turnover in BYU's history looming in the next 10 years, the university will continue to change.

Bruce Higley, director of Institutional Analysis and Data Administration, predicted in the next decade more faculty will retire than in any other 10-year span in BYU's history.

Based on the traditional retiring age of 65, we can expect 497 full-time faculty to retire in the next 10 years," Higley said. That is about 37 percent of the current total of 1,351 full-time faculty members. Many more faculty could leave for other reasons.

The changing face of the faculty is seen as bittersweet by several high-ranking BYU administrators.

"We will be losing a lot of seasoned faculty and we will miss them. But I see this as a great opportunity," said BYU President Merrill J. Bateman.

Don Abel, BYU's academic personnel specialist who oversees much of the hiring process, envisions a much stronger BYU faculty. "Very frankly,

as strong as our faculty is right now, we are looking at this turnover as an opportunity to make it even stronger," he said.

Faculty coming to BYU will have to go through the same complicated hiring process as their predecessors, but with one change: it may be even more intense.

"As a university, we need to be more creative and aggressive in our hiring process due to the expected increase in faculty turnover," said Jim Gordon, an associate academic vice president.

The current hiring process begins with pools of candidates that are gathered and maintained by the individual academic departments. These pools are maintained mainly by faculty who meet colleagues at regional and national conferences who could potentially be professors at BYU.

More recent methods of finding potential faculty include

the Internet, encouraging BYU students to pursue doctoral programs and then return to teach at BYU, and CES Institute teachers who track LDS doctoral students at their universities.

From these candidate pools, individual departments narrow their candidates down to a few finalists for each position.

These names are then submitted for review by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' Commissioner of Education in Salt Lake City, Gordon said.

Upon approval from the Commissioner, the finalists are invited to campus to be interviewed by their respective department, department chair, dean and an academic vice president, he said.

The finalists are also asked to give a presentation to their college or department. Some finalists are even asked to teach a class or two, Gordon said.

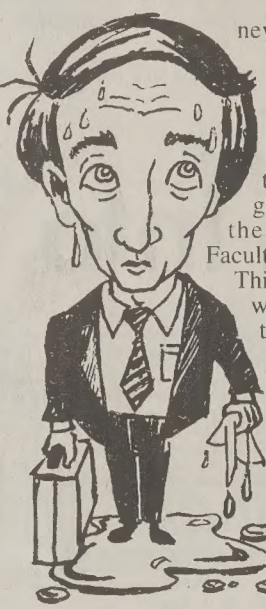
The finalists are interviewed by a General Authority of the church. "This is a worthiness interview similar to a temple recommend interview," Gordon said.

The final decision to make an offer to the finalists comes from a recommendation given by the respective department and approval from BYU administration and BYU's Board of Trustees.

"The departments make the recommendations of who they would like to hire. They are the principal judges of which candidates they would like to hire and which particular needs that they have that need to be met," Gordon said.

One department chair with such responsibility is Lee Bartlett of the Communications Department.

Candidates for the Department of Communications are not given an easy time. "They go through a pretty intense grilling by other members of the faculty to test how well grounded they are in theory. Some of those sessions are really fascinating," Bartlett said.



develop personally as teachers, said J. Bonner Ritchie, associate director of the Faculty Center.

The training is "to help the new faculty learn about themselves and about teaching. Graduate and Doctorate students aren't really prepared to be teachers, they're prepared to do research," Ritchie said.

Seminars are held every other week for about two hours. "About two-thirds of the training revolves around the primary issue, which is teaching," Ritchie said.

The other third touches on a myriad of campus issues, including governance, research, media, benefits, libraries and computers.

As BYU faculty go into their third- and sixth-year reviews for tenure, it is expected that these trainings will have helped to prepare them.

Among the many factors considered before tenure is granted are the student evaluations of the teachers.

"Student evaluations are looked at very seriously, especially during the tenure review process. I would hope that our students don't take them as a joke," Abel said.

President Bateman's vision of BYU's direction in the 21st Century guides the administration's actions in receiving the large numbers of new faculty in the coming decade.

"We are not asking people to do unnatural things. Our hope is that each individual will have a deep felt testimony, and that will determine the quality of relationships that they have with their students," President Bateman said.

President Bateman's vision for the BYU community is also one of an "extraordinary community of scholars," he said.

"I see us continuing to gather strength with regard to the scholarship of our faculty. As the church grows, we will have an increasingly large and qualified group of potential faculty from which to choose," President Bateman said.

BYU's LDS values will continue to make it different from other universities of similar caliber, even as its secular disciplines improve.

"President John Taylor said that the day will come when Brigham Young University will be as far ahead in secular learning as it is in sacred learning. We have an opportunity, I believe, to be among the best schools in the country, in terms of faculty and the research we are doing, the quality of teaching and the quality of our graduates," President Bateman said.

To match this vision, BYU faculty should have special traits and characteristics that truly set them apart.

"They should have a strong testimony of the Gospel. They should have good communication skills and a desire to relate to the students. We are also looking for scholarship, people that are on the cutting edge of their fields," he said.

As the new faculty stream into BYU in the coming decade, armed with Faculty Center training and shrouded in President Bateman's vision for the university, they will fill spots vacated by the professors of yesteryear who joined BYU during its period of growth in the 1950s and 1960s.

A new generation of faculty will take the helm and engage tomorrow's students in things scholarly, both secular and sacred.

The challenge is before them, and the opportunity awaits.

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bins, print and mail services crunched their deadlines to distribute fliers throughout the university announcing the drive.

Carol Louw, campus mail supervisor, said that while delivery of this sort usually has to be scheduled in advanced, policies were bypassed to help the drive.

"People all over were just so willing to help," Matthews said. "They were just all doing things that we didn't expect."

Bins were overflowing with food the morning after the first day of the drive.

With help from the grounds truck was assigned to pick up food. "The first day after the announcement, they were in a panic because the bins were overflowing. It was sort of a last thing; most people who responded quite admirably," Roy Peterman, director of grounds, said.

Matthews said sometimes the drive she would have grounds twice a day to tell the bins were overflowing.

"The food bank couldn't take it," Matthews said.

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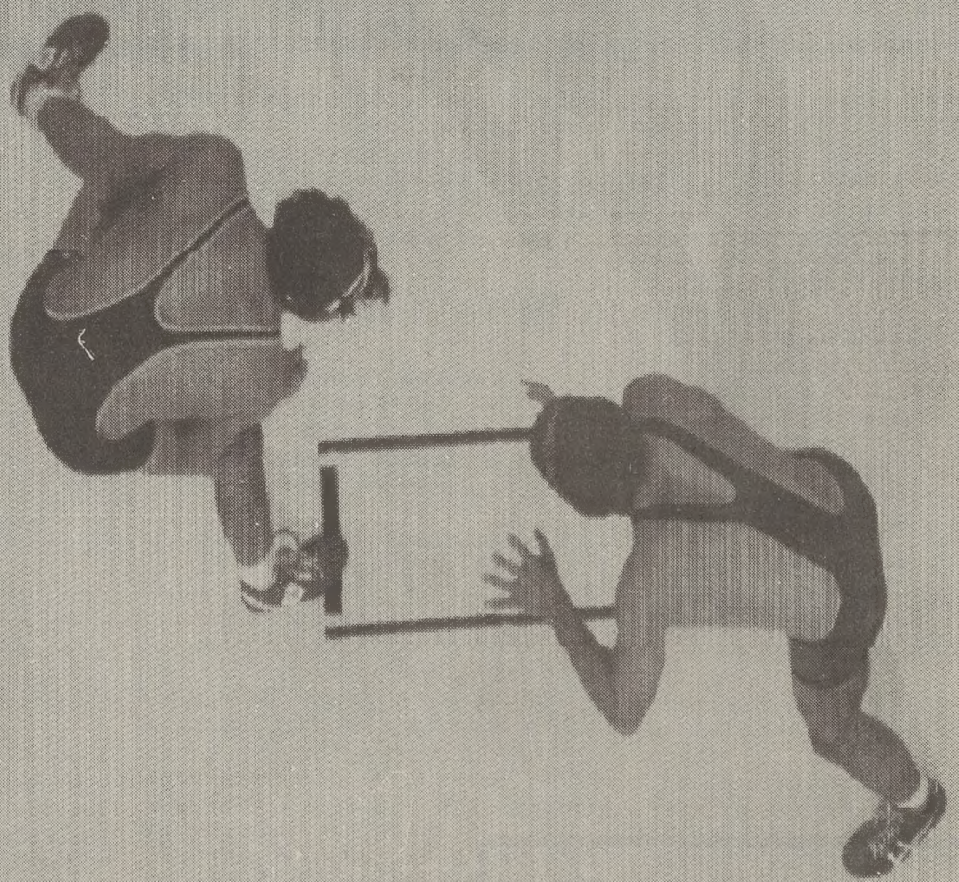
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Christensen enjoys success his first book that 'counts'

MARCI VON SAVOYE
Lifestyle Editor

art professor James C. Christensen has succeeded in juggling family and the demands and of authoring a book that has, in five months, gone into its print.

First printing of Christensen's "The Voyage of the Basset" contains 75,000 copies.

It's a healthy printing for an author doing his first book," Christensen said.

"The Voyage of the Basset" is Christensen's second book, but his first, "The Journey of Imagination," is mostly a collection of art, he said it "didn't

beginning of the year until Christmas. Christensen and his wife go to the bookstore every weekend to book signings all over the United States. Christensen said his family got great help during that time. He was also inspired: he taught his students in the beginning of the year so that he would be able to teach a class.

Christensen said, "When you have a book that has a national exposure you have to do this thing."

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Newton group to sing with Vocal Point

By Sara Wilson
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

world of a cappella music, the east and western halves of the United States know about each other, but usually don't get together. Tonight, when BYU's Vocal Point and Boston College Acoustics view tradition by getting together for a concert.

The concert will be in the Madsen Ballroom in the Harris Fine Arts Center at 8 p.m.

Tickets, which are available at the Student Ticket Office or at the door, cost \$5 with a BYU ID or \$6 without.

This is the first-ever exchange," said Michael Baltes, a Vocal Point singer and BYU English professor. "I think it's a good tradition."

Boston College Acoustics is a 17-member group with a long reputation as a cappella. They are featured in the Best of College A cappella

album. Whenever you hear of a cappella in Provo, Utah, you hear about Boston College Acoustics," Baltes said.

Boston College Acoustics called Vocal Point to initiate the concert.

"BYU has really got a reputation as a major hub for a cappella. I'm excited by the call," Baltes

said. Vocal Point has continued to build its reputation by winning the national championship in the region of the National A cappella Championships

last year. Baltes said the two groups will not

Faeries," is in the faculty art show in the B.F. Larsen Gallery and Gallery 303 in the Harris Fine Arts Center until Jan. 28. Christensen said "The Court of the Faeries" has almost a hundred figures in it. The painting consumed about four months, when he worked on it everyday.

"I paint with a reasonable amount of detail and tightness. It's just what feels most comfortable for me," Christensen said. "It's labeled as fantasy art. I just think of it as what I do."

Christensen uses people he knows for his models. He said he "tweaks" some of the characters' features a little bit so they do not look exactly like the model, but for some characters he tried to be reasonably accurate.

"There are a half a dozen real people in 'The Court of the Faeries,'" Christensen said.

Professor Aisling, the main character of "The Voyage of the Basset," is modelled after Christensen himself.

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Boarding for the summer

Snakeboarding, a new sport for snowboarders

By MARCI VON SAVOYE
Lifestyle Editor

While skating was more a blessing than an innovation for the skiing world; it gave serious skiers an opportunity to improve their skills during the off-season.

Snakeboarding, a new and rather obscure sport, has the potential to become the snowboarders' dry-weather sport.

Elvis Gneiting, a member of the "Street Urchin" snakeboarding team in Salt Lake City, called snakeboarding a summer alternative to snowboarding.

Gneiting, a junior at West Jordan High School, said snakeboarding has actually helped him figure out how to better perform snowboarding tricks.

The snakeboard has the same wheel base as a skateboard, but instead of a flat board surface there is a foot platform above each set of wheels.

Between the two-foot platforms is a crossbar that varies in length. The longer the length, the higher the speed the boarder can achieve, said John Gray, regional promotion manager and originator of the "Street Urchin".

The sport was originally invented by two surfers, James Fischer and Oliver Macleod-Smith in South Africa about eight years ago.

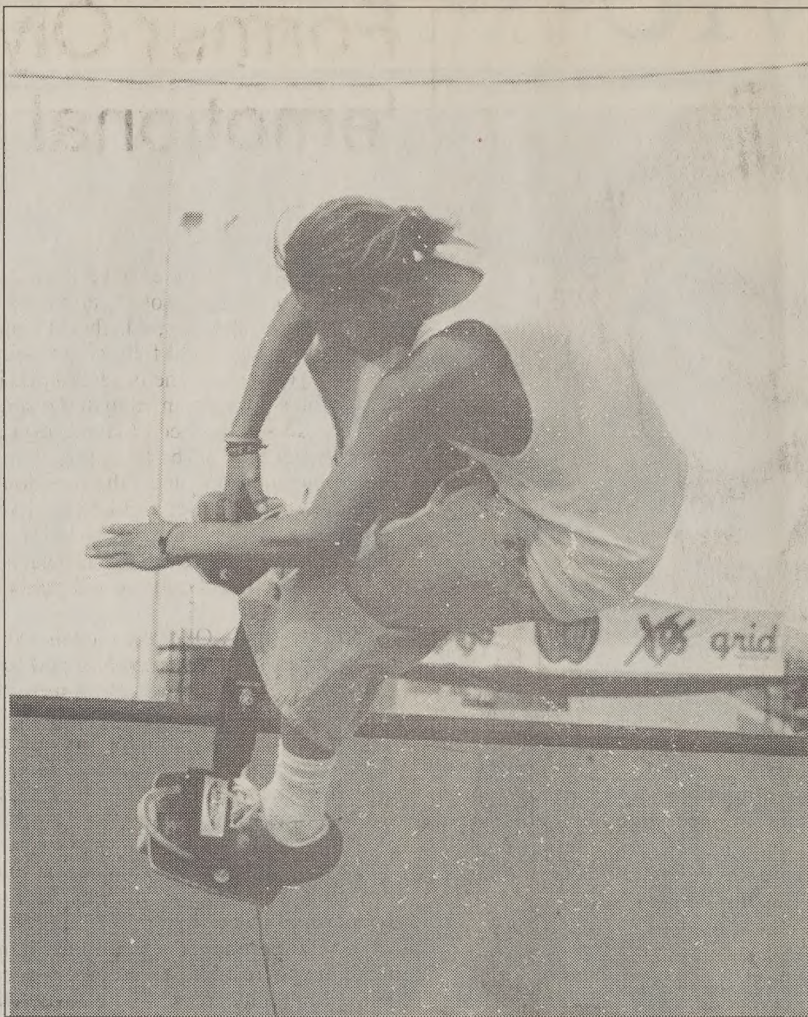
"They were buddy surfers looking for something to do on land," Gray said. "They wanted to mimic surfing a little bit more."

Like snowboarding, snakeboarders strap their feet in. Though that may sound restricting, it actually gives the snakeboarder the freedom to perform feats that the skateboarder can't, such as front and back flips or inverted aerials, said Gray.

"Everything is made a little bit easier because you're strapped in," Gray said.

"With that in mind, then they developed the snakeboard where you can generate momentum with the foot action so you don't have to take your foot off to push."

A snakeboarder does not need the timing and accuracy that skateboarders do to successfully complete a stunt. However, because the boarder is



ON THE EDGE: A snakeboarder demonstrates his skill Oct. 4 at the X-96 B.A.sh in Salt Lake Fairpark. Snakeboarding is a newly invented dry-land alternative for snowboarders.

strapped to the board, the sport becomes more risky.

"It's more dangerous than skateboarding because you can't just bail off of it," Gray said.

Gray gave up snakeboarding himself when his persistent wrist injuries were interfering with his other athletic passion: golf.

Gray said, however, that with protective gear, such as wrist guards, knee pads and a helmet, snakeboarding is no more hazardous to the body than in-line skating.

The most difficult thing to learn in snakeboarding, Gray said, is the initial propelling motion. Once a boarder masters the motion, then the specialized tricks become easier.

"It's not easy to learn," Gray said. "For most people it takes a solid one to two hours of just getting on it and falling off of it again to get the toe-heel motion."

"It's initially a very awkward movement. It takes dexterity and balance. There's nothing that mimics that kind

of action."

Gray's girlfriend also snakeboards. When Gray was at the University of Utah demonstrating the board, he said women actually had an easier time with picking up the motion.

Gray said some women picked up on the motion in only five to 10 minutes.

"It's much more natural for females to just learn how to ride the board," Gray said.

Gray, an attorney in Salt Lake City, said he was probably the first person in Utah to step onto a snakeboard. Gray's father is a friend of the CEO of Snakeboard U.S.A., who introduced Gray to the unique sport.

The boards are still manufactured in South Africa and have been heavily marketed in Europe.

Gray said they are huge in Germany, Sweden and Switzerland. The main U.S. office is located in San Diego. Gray said snakeboarding will be a featured event in MTV's "Extreme Games" this year.

Men's Chorus to record a CD of anthems

By Matt Decker
Special to the Universe

News that the BYU Mens Chorus is recording a new CD will be music to their fans' ears.

The CD is expected to be finished in June 1997. Encouraged by Deseret Book, conductor Mack Wilberg and his 225-member chorus will do most of the recording this semester in addition to their usual Winter Semester performances.

"It will be a disc of hymns and anthems," Wilberg said. "The name will probably be determined by the title of one of the pieces on the album and then it will say, 'The BYU Mens Chorus sings hymns and anthems.'"

Wilberg is known for his many arrangements of hymns and anthems. His songs have been sung on and off campus by performing vocal groups including the Mens Chorus.

He has been working with Deseret Book in the production of the second Mens Chorus CD.

"Deseret Book wanted a CD that would be a Sunday listening disc, specifically, things of a nature," Wilberg said.

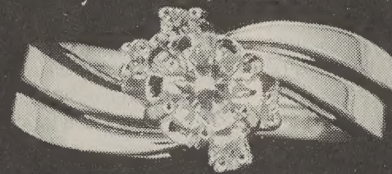
Earl Madsen, director of the music department of Deseret Book, said, "Deseret Book is very pleased with the Chorus, and we have always wanted a good relationship with Mack and the chorus. It's great music, and it's a chorus."

Madsen said that he knew from the beginning he wanted more than one CD from the chorus, regardless of how the first disc would sell.

"We knew that a recording of the BYU Mens Chorus to be made. That is why we have the first disc, 'With Glory,' and we are pleased with the sales of it. We are now glad to undertake this new disc of hymns and anthems," Madsen said.

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Tennis No-some ay for ve of it

by MELINDA BEAL
Universe Staff Writer

the past three years Elizabeth Stevens and Stella Westwood have demonstrated true dedication and love for the game of tennis as walk-ons on the BYU tennis team.

Stevens has a lot of confidence in those who have coached her, including Clark Barton, the coach of the women's tennis team.

Stevens' confidence rests in two girls who were not recruited for the team. Stevens continued to practice every day for the past three years. They have improved their game as well as their confidence to compete in off season tournaments.

Stevens had a win over University of Utah in the number six player in the second round. In fact she beat her badly. Stevens' pretty impressive, and she has improved a lot since then," Barton said.

Although not offered a definite spot on the team, she was invited to try-out. It was Westwood who suggested to Stevens that she walk-on the team with her.

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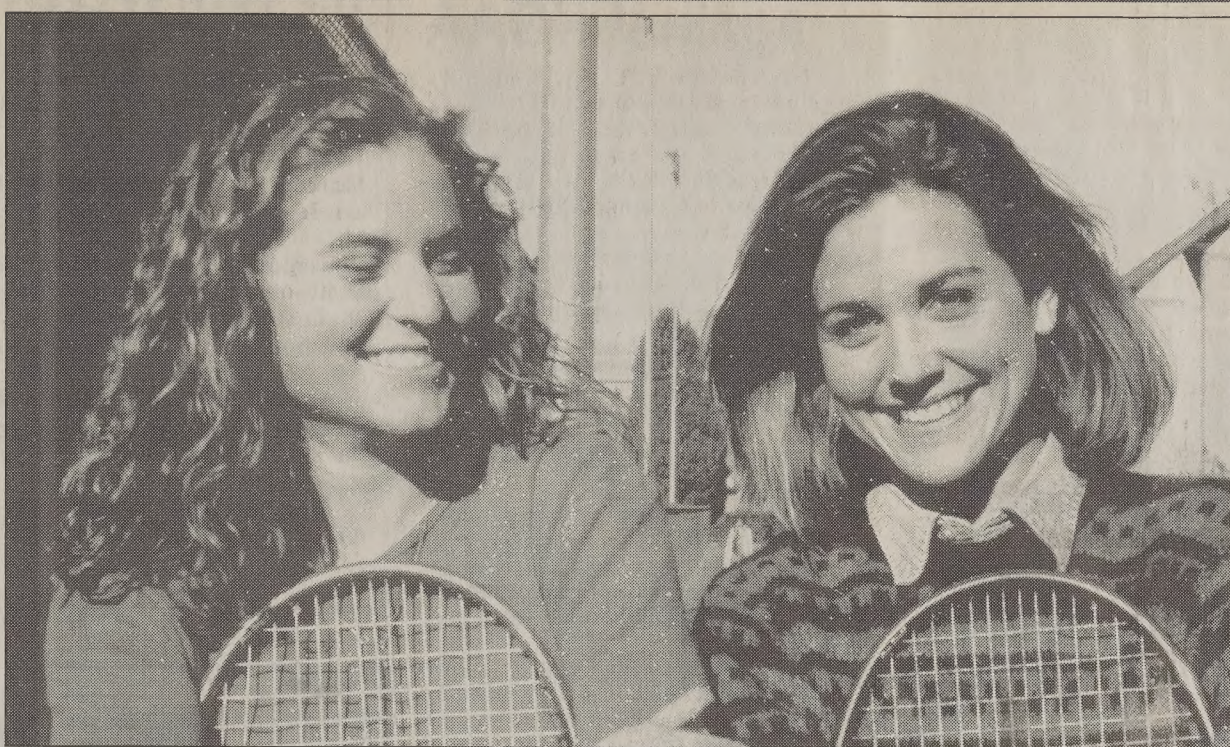
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DEDICATED DUO: Elizabeth Stevens and Stella Westwood are determined walk-ons to the BYU women's tennis team. "They play it because they love the sport," said BYU team captain Angela Jewell.

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Former Olympian an 'emotional inspiration'

Associated Press

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Ice Cats to host Colorado U. play in Provo

by ERIKA TIMM WILDE
Universe Assistant Sports Editor

BYU hockey club and the Ice Cats battle Colorado State Friday at 9:45 p.m. at Utah Valley. The fee for admission is \$3.

Ice Cats coach Royle Schmidt and hockey club president Carlton look forward to continuing their tradition against Colorado, Weber State, Denver, Utah State and other teams.

BYU hockey club members are both Ice Cat players and members of the team, also host activities for hockey fans and players.

BYU hockey club helps recruit players to try out for the Provo Ice Cat team. The club also attracts hockey enthusiasts and hockey fans.

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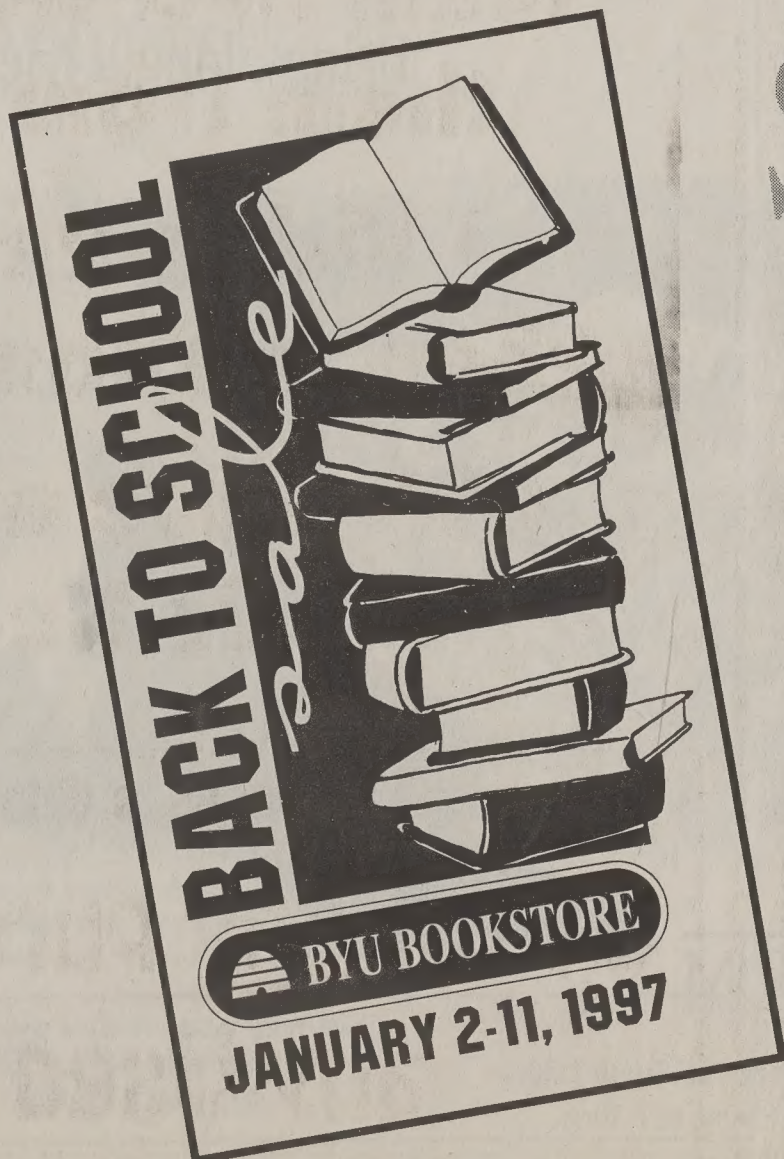
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Wrestling coach conquers all

by JENNA MAXFIELD
Universe Sports Writer

BYU men's wrestling coach has won Olympic glory and world championships on the mats — and most by chance, he's showing the way.

Schultz was introduced to wrestling by his brother, Dave Schultz. Dave beat up anyone who beat up him. Dave had the reputation as a tough kid. He saw wrestling as a way to maintain his dominance, and it is exactly what he showed his brother.

As a result of his brother's example, Schultz started wrestling when he was in high school. He remembers that in his first match he was pinned in the first fall. Humiliated and depressed, he started up gymnastics.

However, Schultz's brother continued to wrestle him, in spite of his having left the sport. "He pounded on me every day; here I was in gymnastics," Schultz said.

Schultz later quit gymnastics after his brother punched him in the face. He did karate for protection, but it proved worthless against his brother.

Schultz's confidence was hurt and I thought I had an inferiority complex," Schultz said. "I thought I was worthless and wouldn't talk to girls."

Schultz finally began wrestling. Things started to brighten up. As a senior in high school, Schultz regained his confidence as he won the state wrestling championship.

After graduating from high school, Schultz received a scholarship from the University of California at Los Angeles. Schultz and his brother both went to UCLA, but it didn't work out. They both left to wrestle at the University of Iowa.

Schultz became a three-time national champion winning two titles at 177 pounds and one at 187 pounds. He was named the outstanding wrestler at the 1982 NCAA Championships.

Schultz has won the World Cup, the National Open four years in a row, the National Sports Festival Championships, two World Championships and medaled in the Olympics.

Schultz wrestles he says it's a process. "The intensity is so great you tell yourself it's a life situation," Schultz said.

Schultz said one of his techniques in wrestling was to create his own momentum. To succeed in his matches, Schultz would get mad to the point he wanted to explode. "It's just

hard to do for so many years and so many matches."

Looking for an added adventure to his life, Schultz and his wife Kristy packed up their trailer in Ashland, Oregon and headed east to Utah. They were determined to see the country and had heard Utah had the best skiing resorts.

Parking their trailer at Park West, Schultz decided it was time to find a place to work out for wrestling. The only place was BYU, so he and his wife drove to Provo.

On his search for the wrestling room, Schultz said he knew he had found the "best city ever."

"I was walking and saw a deer walking between the Smith Field House and the Richards Building with the backdrop of the mountains, I thought this is the best city ever," Schultz said.

Schultz was overwhelmed with how nice the people were, how clean the facilities were and thought BYU had the best wrestling room. Schultz and his wife decided Provo was the place to be, so they camped out in the parking lot of Shopko.

Three days later head coach Alan Albright offered Schultz a part-time job with the wrestling team. Schultz accepted the offer and later became assistant coach for three years before accepting the position as head coach.

In addition, Albright introduced the gospel to Schultz and his wife and they were both baptized September 23, 1991, just eight months after being in Utah.

"It made sense to have one true church," Schultz said.

Now in his third season as head coach at BYU, Schultz has become a friend of true inspiration to his team members.

Rangi Smart, a sophomore of Pleasant Grove, said it was kind of intimidating being around Schultz at first because of all his accomplishments. Smart says that after knowing Schultz he is just a really good wrestler and just like one of the guys on the team.

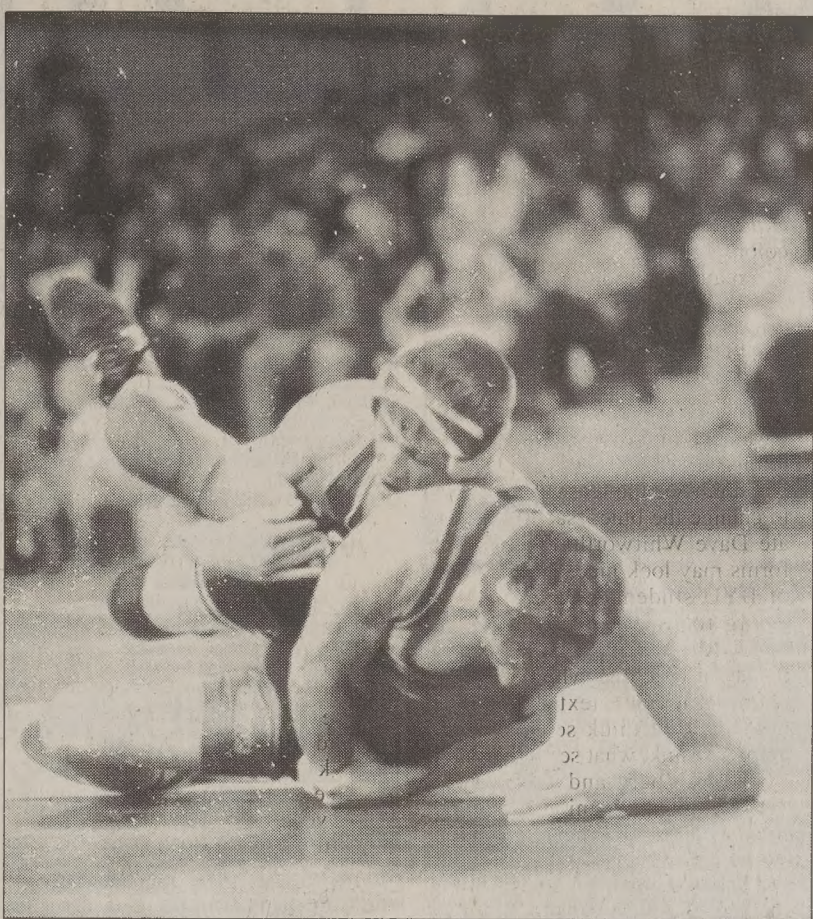
"Schultz is the 'favorite' to hang out with on road trips," Smart said. "He's got tons of stories about wrestling in different places."

"He has inspired me to go as far as I can with wrestling," Smart said.

"Maybe to become an All American or even go to the Olympics. I'm going for it with wrestling because of Schultz."

A life long friend of Schultz, assistant coach Larry Nugent, couldn't agree more with how Schultz has reached the pinnacle of success in wrestling.

Regardless of how successful



File Photo

STUDENTS OF A STAR: BYU head wrestling coach Mark Schultz has found confidence and fame through wrestling. "I thought I was worthless," said Schultz of his pre-wrestling teen years. It's hard to believe now that Schultz, in his third season as head coach, can claim two World Championships and a 1984 Olympic medal.

Schultz is now, Nugent says they've been friends for so long that he sees Schultz as just Mark.

"He's a human being struggling with the ups and downs like us all," Nugent said. "I see Mark as a skilled practitioner and less of a celebrity."

Nugent revels in knowing he is one guy that "took Mark Schultz down," even though it was during high school when they wrestled the same size.

Teammate Craig Middledorf was also impressed with Schultz the first time he met the coach. "It's kind of intimidating because Schultz is a national champ and you don't know what to expect," Middledorf said.

Regardless, Schultz has built up Middledorf's confidence on the mat and outside of wrestling. Schultz has also become someone who the team looks up to.

Another team member, Jose Enriquez, also looks up to coach Schultz. He said the first time he met coach Schultz was on a recruiting trip. Enriquez knew then that wrestling for

BYU would give him the opportunity to learn from someone renowned in the wrestling world.

"The first time I met him I thought 'yep, he's someone I wouldn't want to mess with,'" Enriquez said.

Besides learning wrestling techniques from coach Schultz, Enriquez learns from Schultz outside of wrestling too.

"He's the type of guy you want to be like," Enriquez said. "He doesn't say much. He just goes around and does what he needs to do."

A new addition to Schultz's accomplishments is winning the Ultimate Fighting Championships in Detroit last May.

Schultz came out victorious, beating his opponent Gary Goodridge.

The future continues to be bright for Schultz who will continue his work on an M.S. degree in Exercise Science from BYU. His thesis is on the effect of Division I wrestling on selected physiological variables.

Leukemia claims life of Colorado linebacker

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Tyronee "Tiger" Bussey, a Colorado linebacker who remained committed to his team even when he was confined to a hospital bed, died at a Detroit hospital Jan. 3 after a lengthy battle with leukemia. He was 20.

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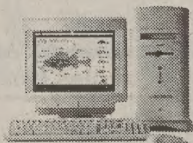
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Securities brokers charged in cheating

Associated Press
NEW YORK — Fifty stockbrokers were charged with hiring stand-ins to sit for licensing exams, a prosecutor announced Wednesday.
The stand-ins, called "ringers" and a mid-level manager were also charged in the case, which fell apart in 1993 when the firm thought he recognized the person taking several tests.
The different names, said an assistant District Attorney Robert J. Berman.
The charges included securities fraud, punishable by up to five years in prison; falsifying records and offering of false information for filing, which carry a

Public libraries available to students; many offer services at no charge

THOMAS J. ABBOTT
Universe Staff Writer
Students looking for books, materials, Internet access or toys may not be using all of the available resources to obtain them.
Local libraries offer services similar to those of the B. Lee Library, but on a smaller scale.
The Provo City Library, at 58 N. 25 years, has more than 140,000 books available to the public. Beeson, director of the Provo City Library, said two to three items per capita are recommended.
The library meets these needs at this time.
Reeder, a librarian at the Provo City Library, said the library has several publications available for use. The magazines go back to the 1950s. However, the library does not have many professional or academic journals.
The library is more in the way of a recreational reading, she said. "But we do have items available."
In addition, the library has several

New harassment allegations arise at Citadel

Associated Press
CHARLESTON, S.C. — A female cadet at the Citadel said she was threatened by a male cadet who allegedly said he would "cut your heart out," an official at the military college said yesterday.
The state and the FBI were investigating the report and other allegations that two of four female cadets at the state-run college were targeted by male cadets last semester, the women's first on the previously all-male campus.
A federal judge opened a hearing Monday on security at the school, and witnesses yesterday included Joseph Trez, a retired Army colonel who oversees the Citadel's student military systems.
In addition to the threat, cadets allegedly twice put nail polish remover on the women's clothes and set them afire, and a rifle allegedly was pushed into a woman's face, Trez said.
Trez said the upperclassman allegedly told the female cadet, "if I ever see you off campus, I will cut your heart out."
According to Trez, the two women said cadet officers led them to believe they should not make a complaint about the harassment. He said the women told him: "A knob is a knob and just takes what happens." First-year cadets are called knobs because of their short haircuts.
As a result of the allegations, two male Citadel cadets have been suspended from school and five others have been relieved of their military command duties. The Citadel also put panic buttons in the women's rooms and posted adult supervisors to sleep in all barracks.
U.S. District Judge C. Weston Houck had ruled the Citadel's all-male policy unconstitutional in 1994.

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computer terminals dedicated to public use of the Internet. The library also has several geological and survey maps.
Reeder and Beeson agreed that Orem has one of the best educational and documentary media collections in the state.
"We have had BYU professors come check out documentaries that they could not find anywhere else," Beeson said.
Orem City Library does not charge Provo or Orem residents for an annual membership card. The library does charge for the use of its media materials. The charge is \$1 or less depending upon the item being rented.
The library added a new wing two years ago. The section is designated for children's books and other reading materials.
The library also features several children's programs each week. These programs range from plays to storytelling. No fee is required to view these.
Also located within the walls of the library is an organization aimed at building stronger families, the Parents Educational Resource Center.
Myrna Harbaugh, director of PERC and an Orem resident, said the Orem PERC is a nonprofit volunteer organization that is sponsored by the Alpine School District, Region 9 PTA and Orem City.
PERC, which was established in 1983, was appointed a room in the library where they provide children's games and books for use at no charge. PERC also provides educational books, videos and other parenting aids.
The Provo City Library is also available to Provo and Orem residents.
Julie Farnsworth, director of the Provo City Library, said the main support comes from a city property tax on residents. Although land-owning Provo residents pay for the library, a cooperative effort between Provo and Orem cities allows non-land-owning residents of Provo and Orem to use the facility without paying a fee.
The Provo City Library, with 141,000 books, falls just short of the recommended requirements, but still has many services to offer the public.
The Provo City Library, at 425 W. Center, has five Internet computer terminals installed for public use. The library does not charge for any media rentals.
Provo City Library also has a PERC chapter. Although not affiliated with the Orem PERC, the Provo organization provides the same types of services. The Provo PERC is fully funded and open during library hours.
Farnsworth said the Provo City Library has some of the best family programs available in the area. Programs and story telling are available for children of all ages every morning.
Family programming is scheduled on Monday nights. Brochures with program scheduling and times are available at the library.
The Springville City Library, at 50 S. Main, the library does not charge Provo residents for the use of its facilities, but it does charge Orem residents. Yearly fees are \$30.
Lynette Catherall, director of the Springville City Library, said the facility houses more than 20,000 children's books as well as tapes and videos for public use at no charge.
Catherall said the library is also set up for Internet usage.
"People who want to do full textual database searches can come and use our terminals," Catherall said.



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5-year-old dies in fire he might have started

Associated Press

HERRIMAN, Utah — A 5-year-old boy died in a fire that officials believe he started while playing with matches.

Witnesses said Shawn Barlow and his 8-year-old brother were in the wood-frame home when the fire started about 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The older boy apparently escaped and alerted his grandfather who was working in a nearby garage. Others noticed the smoke and flames and rushed to help.

The body of the 5-year-old boy was found Tuesday evening inside the root cellar of the home, Salt Lake County Fire Capt. Frank Dalton said. The boy's name was not immediately released.

A nearby worker, Eyuit Svendsen, used a backhoe to tear open a large hole where a side door to the home was located.

"I was able to crawl into a hallway and the kitchen area, but had to go back out because the home was completely filled with smoke," he said. Witnesses said they could hear the boy's screams.

Firefighters from the county, Herriman, South Jordan and Riverton arrived to battle the blaze but initially could not find any fire hydrants to supply water, Dalton said.

"It took awhile to get water hooked up and down to the scene due to the terrain and the lay of the area," he said. "In this rural area, the hydrants are a long ways apart."

Some of the fire engines exhausted their 750-gallon tanks and had to shuttle more water from a hydrant about three-quarters of a mile away.

Finally, firefighters discovered a 20,000-gallon underground water tank about 1,000 feet away and hooked a hose to it to provide a steady stream of water on the blaze, Dalton said.

The closest fire station is in Herriman, but volunteer firefighters do not staff it 24 hours a day.

A home right next to the one that burned down Tuesday was destroyed by fire two years ago.

'Right to die' looks shaky

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Confronting momentous issues of life and death, most Supreme Court justices expressed doubts Wednesday when asked to rule that dying people have a right to doctor-assisted suicide.

"You're asking us in effect to declare unconstitutional the laws of 50 states," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy told a lawyer for doctors who challenged Washington state's ban on assisted suicide.

If the justices did declare a right to assisted suicide but allowed states to impose regulations, "it would result in a flow of cases through the court system for heaven knows how long," said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The justices are reviewing two appeals that are perhaps the most closely watched Supreme Court cases since 1992, when the high court reaffirmed the constitutional right to abortion. They raise similar questions about an individual's right to control his or her own body.

Terminal illness is an issue that

potentially affects everyone, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist confronted it himself when his wife, Natalie, died in 1991 after a long battle with ovarian cancer.

Justice David H. Souter said yesterday it may not yet be possible for courts to adequately weigh states' interest in protecting life against patients' interest in avoiding intolerable pain. The court might decide "as an institution we are not in a position to make the judgment now that you want us to make," Souter suggested.

Voicing similar concerns were Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Justice Clarence Thomas, one of the nine-member court's most conservative justices, asked no questions.

A ruling in line with what Souter suggested would leave intact state bans on assisted suicide.

Lower courts threw out laws in New York and Washington state that banned doctor-assisted suicide. By July, the justices will decide whether to reinstate those laws or declare doctor-assisted suicide a constitutional

right.

New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco, in seeking to have his state's law reinstated, argued that prescribing medication for death "never has been a recognized medical practice."

He said states should be allowed to protect against "the risk of abuse" by imposing "an outright ban."

But Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe, representing doctors who challenged the New York law, said the terminally ill have a right "to decide this amount of agony is enough ... not to be a creature of the state but to have some voice."

Tribe contended that doctors nationwide for years have practiced what he called "terminal sedation" — giving dying patients more and more painkillers that, along with easing pain, eventually end their lives.

William L. Williams, Washington's senior assistant attorney general, said the state's ban on assisted suicide sought to protect life, to prevent people from being improperly influenced to choose assisted suicide and to regulate the medical profession.

Security tightened around hostages

Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Peruvian police have tightened security around the diplomatic mansion held hostage by leftist rebels after a Japanese reporter and an interpreter crossed a police line to enter the residence.

Authorities said yesterday the move is meant ensure that only official mediators approach the home where 74 hostages remain captive.

Additional officers carrying assault rifles patrolled the neighborhood around the Japanese ambassador's residence yesterday, where squads of 10 officers have been guarding each corner of the block around the home. Police at one checkpoint have begun carrying riot shields.

Officers also were rerouting traffic further away from the scene of the 3-week-old standoff.

The steps to increase security began Tuesday immediately after a television reporter and his Peruvian

interpreter left the residence and were taken into police custody.

A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said anti-terrorist police were questioning the two men, identified by Japan's Kyodo news service as Tsuyoshi Hitomi and Victor Borja.

Yesterday, the leftist guerrillas raised a banner criticizing the detention. "Now journalists are being detained to hide the truth," it said.

TV Asahi in Tokyo said its reporter, Hitomi, had entered the compound Tuesday without the network's authorization.

TV Asahi has urged staff members covering the hostage standoff not to take "careless" actions, a network spokeswoman said on condition of anonymity.

She said the network had not been in contact with Hitomi since he was taken into custody.

The Tupac Amaru rebels stormed the Japanese ambassador's residence

Dec. 17 and have demanded the release of about 300 jailed comrades. President Alberto Fujimori again rejected that demand Tuesday, vowing that he wouldn't "give in to the blackmail of terrorists."

Trying to seize the public relations initiative from the rebels, Fujimori broke his silence on the crisis Tuesday and toured a prison where other Tupac Amaru rebels and hundreds of other guerrillas are being held.

For the first three weeks of the hostage drama, Fujimori managed the crisis from the shadows, refusing to show his hand.

But he was angered by an impromptu interview the rebels granted journalists who approached the compound Dec. 31.

"I hope, like everyone, for a peaceful solution," said Fujimori, who spoke with reporters and drove his own sport utility vehicle to the maximum-security prison.

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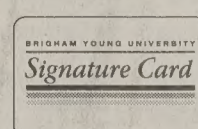
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